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Substitute resolution directing the City Attorney's Office to develop a process for working with departments after a judgment in a lawsuit against the City, or a settlement agreement of a lawsuit, to evaluate the circumstances precipitating the lawsuit and to create policies, procedures and training to reduce the risk of similar lawsuits in the future.

This resolution directs the City Attorney's Office to develop a process for working with departments after a judgment in a lawsuit against the City, or a settlement agreement of a lawsuit, to evaluate the circumstances precipitating the lawsuit and to create policies, procedures and training to reduce the risk of similar lawsuits in the future.

It further requires the City Attorney's Office to report the Common Council by April 30, 2023, on processes currently followed, or in development, to evaluate the circumstances precipitating lawsuits against the City, and policies, procedures and training implemented, or in development, to reduce the risk of similar lawsuits in the future.

Whereas, The Adopted 2023 City Budget included Amendment 7A, a footnote directing the City Attorney's Office to develop a process for working with departments after a judgment in a lawsuit against the City, or a settlement agreement of a lawsuit, to evaluate the circumstances precipitating the lawsuit and to create policies, procedures and training to reduce the risk of similar lawsuits in the future; and

Whereas, An evaluation of the circumstances precipitating a lawsuit against the City after the court has issued a judgment, or a settlement agreement, positions the City to create policies, procedures and training to reduce the risk of lawsuits against the City in the future; and

Whereas, Policies, procedures and training created to reduce the risk of lawsuits against the City in the future are likely to result to improve interactions between the City and residents; and

Whereas, Reducing incidence of lawsuits against the City is likely to reduce the costs of City operations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the City Attorney's Office is directed to develop a process for working with departments after a judgement in a lawsuit against the City, or a settlement agreement of a lawsuit, to evaluate the circumstances precipitating the lawsuit; and, be it

Further Resolved, The City Attorney's Office and the departments involved develop policies, procedures and training to reduce the risk of similar lawsuits in the future; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Attorney's Office shall report to the Common Council by April 30, 2023, on processes currently followed, or in development, to evaluate the circumstances precipitating lawsuits against the City, and policies, procedures and training implemented, or in development, to reduce the risk of similar lawsuits in the future.

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